

Nagovisi language

Nagovisi, or **Sibe**, is a South Bougainville language spoken in the mountains of southern Bougainville Province, Papua New Guinea.

Morphology

Nagovisi makes use of noun class suffixes, which are:^[3]

Noun class suffix	Noun class semantics	Example (<i>with demonstrative a-</i>)	Gloss of example
-bore	round things, including balls, coins, coconuts, fruit, betelnut, cooking pots, garamut drums	moo a- bore -ka'	'that coconut'
-mai	dogs, cats, horses, knives, forks, spoons, axes and other tools	moska a- mai -ka'	'that dog'
-möö	people, birds, fish, small animals, insects, reptiles	kokoree' a- möö -ka'	'that chicken'
-visi	houses, buildings, canoes, ships, cars	pawa a- visi -ga'	'that house'
-woro'	pigs, cows	pooro' a- woro -ka'	'that pig'

Nagovisi	
Sibe	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Bougainville Province
Native speakers	6,000 (2011) ^[1]
Language family	South Bougainville <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nasioi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nagovisi
Writing system	Latin script
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nco
Glottolog	sibe1248 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/sibe1248) ^[2]

External links

- Paradisec has Open Access collections (http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?language_code=rug) that include Nagovisi materials, including the Arthur Cappell collections (AC1 (<http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/AC1>), AC2 (<http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/AC2>)).

References

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